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For: AN OPTICAL FIBER AND A  
METHOD FOR FABRICATING A  
LOW POLARIZATION-MODE  
DISPERSION AND LOW  
ATTENUATION OPTICAL FIBER

Examiner: John M. Hoffman  
Group Art Unit: 1731

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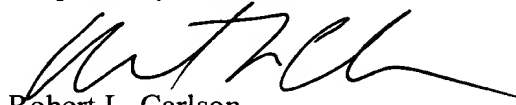
Applicants hereby submit the proposed Substance of Interview for consideration and recordation into the above-referenced application file, pursuant to MPEP Section 713.04.

The undersigned, attorney of record for the applicants, acknowledges a telephonic interview with Examiner Hoffman on August 10, 2004. At issue were claims 98-99 and whether or not they would have been withdrawn if applicants had indicated in their amendment of May 18, 2004 that those claims were directed to the elected invention. Examiner Hoffman indicated that it might be possible that claims 98-99 would not have been withdrawn if applicant had indicated they were directed to the elected invention. Examiner Hoffman further indicated that his best guess was that the claims were directed to the non-elected invention, and that it was the applicants' duty to indicate (at the time of the amendment) whether or not those claim were directed to the elected invention.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee necessary for the entry of this paper into the record of the referenced patent application to our Deposit Account number 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,



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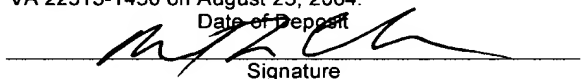
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